



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

6:00 PM

1) Call to Order

President Feibel called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2) Roll Call of Members

Council Members Present: Jen Robinson, Jessica Saad, Troy Markham, Lori Ann Feibel, Richard Sharp, Monique Lampke, Matt Klingler

Council Members Absent: None

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Presentations/Special Guests

Proclamations were presented to recipients.

A) Proclamations for Eagle Scout Rank Achievements: Harrison Dupler, Colten Phay, Tom Nakasako, Rob Donahey

B) Proclamation Honoring Madelyn Jeffries for her heroic actions at the David H. Madison Community Pool

C) Proclamations for BHS Track Athletes Mason Louis and Sydnie Smith

5) Public Comments

No public comments.

6) President's Report

Ms. Feibel welcomed everyone to the first meeting of August and explained that she will wear her mask throughout the meeting in an effort to be kind and safe due to recent travels. She also remarked that many great events are coming up in Bexley that will be discussed tonight. Ms. Feibel then invited Mr. Fishel to provide his update.

7) City Attorney Report

Mr. Fishel clarified that the Executive Session will not occur after the adjournment, as is reflected in the agenda, but just prior to adjournment. Mr. Fishel reported that he will lead an opioid settlement discussion related to Ordinance #33-2021 later in the meeting, and also reported that the proposed charter changes have been approved for inclusion on the upcoming ballot.

8) Administrative Update:

A) Service Department- Service Director, Andy Bashore

Mr. Bashore had nothing to add to his report. Multiple Council members acknowledged the work of the Service Department and thanked Mr. Bashore and his team for recent work on projects including street projects, Schneider Park improvements, and Independence Day celebrations. Mr. Sharp asked a question about the street sign inventory, which Mr. Bashore answered. Ms. Lampke asked a question about project completion timelines, which Mr. Bashore answered.

B) Police Department Update- Chief Rinehart

Mr. Rinehart had nothing to add to his report. Ms. Saad extended her thanks to the Bexley Police Department for their work in keeping riders and spectators safe during the Pelotonia event. Mr. Markham asked a question about Narcan, which Mr. Rinehart answered. Mr. Sharp asked a question about theft of catalytic converter theft patterns, which Mr. Rinehart answered.

C) Recreation and Parks Update- Mike Price

Mr. Price reported highlights from the upcoming ribbon cutting ceremony for Schneider Park. Mr. Price thanked Mr. Sharp and the Bexley Beat for assisting with transportation. Mr. Price also thanked Ms. Feibel for her support with recruiting volunteers. Ms. Lampke asked a question about Swim Safe, which Mr. Price answered. Ms. Lampke asked a question about the completion date of the Jeffrey Mansion renovation, which Mr. Price answered.

6:40 PM - PUBLIC COMMENT

President Feibel asked Council to demonstrate flexibility with the agenda in order to hear a citizen who wished to speak and did not arrive in time for Public Comment. All Council Members verbally agreed to hear this comment.

Jodi Weston of 300 South Columbia Avenue spoke to City Council regarding BZAP and ARB meetings as well as a light noise concern.

Ms. Feibel thanked Ms. Weston for her comments and thanked Council members for their flexibility.

D) Finance Department Update- Bill Harvey

No update or discussion.

E) Mayor's Update

Mr. Kessler acknowledged Bexley Day which marks the founding of the City. Mr. Kessler summarized the highlights of his report. Mr. Sharp asked a question about the Main Street closure, which Mr. Kessler answered. At the conclusion of Mr. Kessler's update on upcoming events, Ms. Robinson mentioned the Bexley Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association is sponsoring a Fill the Cruiser event to collect school supplies on Monday, August 16. Mr. Harvey asked a question about signage zoning which Mr. Kessler answered.

9) **Consent Agenda:**

A) Minutes from 6-22-2021 City Council Meeting.

B) Minutes from 7-7-21 Special City Council Meeting

Mr. Markham moved to approve items on consent agenda.

Mr Klingler seconded.

All in Favor: Ms. Jennifer Robinson, Ms. Jessica Saad, Mr. Troy Markham, Ms. Lori Ann Feibel, Mr. Richard Sharp, Ms. Monique Lampke, Mr. Matt Klingler

Opposed: None

The Motion passed 7-0.

10) **Ordinances/Resolutions with visiting presenters**

None.

11) **Third Readings:**

A) Ordinance 26-21 to amend section 262.02(e) to allow for the payout of sick leave to part-time employees upon termination from service with the City (introduced by Mr. Markham on June 8, 2021)

Mr. Markham moved to adopt Ordinance #26-21

Mr. Klingler seconded.

All in Favor: Ms. Jennifer Robinson, Ms. Jessica Saad, Mr. Troy Markham, Ms. Lori Ann Feibel, Mr. Richard Sharp, Ms. Monique Lampke, Mr. Matt Klingler

Opposed: None

The Motion passed 7-0

B) Ordinance 27-21 to appropriate \$281,500 from the Capital Fund and \$240,000 from the Refuse Fund for the purpose of funding mid-2021 Capital Projects (introduced by Mr. Markham on June 8, 2021)

Mr. Kessler presented the attachment detailing the planned projects related to this ordinance and addressed questions from Council members regarding said projects.

Mr. Markham moved to amend Ordinance #27-21 per Council discussion.

Ms. Robinson seconded.

All in Favor: Ms. Jennifer Robinson, Ms. Jessica Saad, Mr. Troy Markham, Ms. Lori Ann Feibel, Mr. Richard Sharp, Ms. Monique Lampke, Mr. Matt Klingler

Opposed: None

The Motion passed 7-0

Ms. Lampke asked a question about the urgency of approving this Ordinance and a brief discussion among Council members followed her question.

Mr. Markham moved to table Ordinance #27-21

Ms. Saad seconded.

All in Favor: Ms. Jennifer Robinson, Ms. Jessica Saad, Mr. Troy Markham, Ms. Lori Ann Feibel, Mr. Richard Sharp, Ms. Monique Lampke, Mr. Matt Klingler

Opposed: None

The Motion passed 7-0

12) Second Readings:

A) Ordinance 28– 21 to amend section 262.02 (c)(3) to provide for Juneteenth as a holiday for employees (introduced by Ms. Robinson on June 22, 2021)

Ms. Robinson provided a brief overview of this ordinance.

B) Ordinance 29– 21 to amend 618.15 (Dogs on City Park and Recreational Property), to regulate the admittance of service animals in city parks (introduced by Mr. Markham on June 22, 2021)

Mr. Markham briefly presented an overview of this ordinance and Council members discussed and agreed to moving this ordinance to the consent agenda.

C) Ordinance 30 – 21 to create the position of “Chief Executive Assistant” (introduced by Mr. Markham on June 22, 2021)

Mr. Markham briefly presented an overview of this ordinance and Council members discussed and agreed to moving this ordinance to the consent agenda.

D) Ordinance 31 – 21 to create section 262.02 (c)(14)(A)(4), Vacation Accrual for New Employees, and to amend Section 262.02(c)(14)(D), Credit for Prior Service, to provide for credit for prior service to employees (introduced by Mr. Markham on June 22, 2021)

Mr. Markham briefly presented an overview of this ordinance and answered a question from Mr. Harvey. Council members then discussed and agreed to moving this ordinance to the consent agenda.

13) First Readings:

- A) Resolution 09-21 To authorize the Mayor to seek financial assistance from the Ohio Public Works Commission for funding of various capital infrastructure improvement projects associated with the proposed North Columbia Avenue and South Remington Road Comprehensive Improvements Project. (Introduced by Mr. Troy Markham on August 10, 2021)

Mr. Markham introduced this resolution and Council members briefly discussed.

- B) Resolution 10-21 granting area variances with conditions from the minimum lot requirements for the property located at 407 Northview Drive zoned R-3 residential, to allow two non-conforming contiguous lots in single ownership being used in combination and considered an undivided parcel under the Bexley City Code to be split to permit two independent lots and parcels that would not meet existing R-3 minimum lot requirements. (Introduced by Jessica Saad on August 10, 2021)

Ms. Saad introduced this resolution and Mr. Fishel clarified that the language in this resolution is placeholder language only and is not an indicator of approval. A hearing will be held for the evaluation and decision on this requested variance. Council members briefly discussed a date for the hearing. Contingent on availability of all needed parties, the hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 21 at 6:00 pm in person at City Hall.

City Council members also discussed scheduling a budget meeting at this time. The Council budget meeting will be held on September 28 at 5:00 pm in person at City Hall.

- C) Ordinance 33-21 to accept the material terms of the One Ohio settlement pursuant to the One Ohio memorandum of understanding and consistent with the terms of the July 21, 2021 national opioid settlement agreement and declaring an emergency. (Introduced by Mr. Troy Markham on August 10, 2021)

Mr. Markham briefly introduced this ordinance and asked Mr. Fishel to provide further detail. Mr. Fishel explained the ordinance further and answered related questions from Council members regarding the settlement distribution and allowable use on received settlement funds.

Mr. Markham moved to suspend the three meeting requirement on Ordinance #33-21.

Ms. Saad seconded.

All in Favor: Ms. Jennifer Robinson, Ms. Jessica Saad, Mr. Troy Markham, Ms. Lori Ann Feibel, Mr. Richard Sharp, Ms. Monique Lampke, Mr. Matt Klingler

Opposed: None

The Motion passed 7-0

Mr. Markham moved to adopt Ordinance #33-21.

Mr. Sharp seconded.

All in Favor: Ms. Jennifer Robinson, Ms. Jessica Saad, Mr. Troy Markham, Ms. Lori Ann Feibel, Mr. Richard Sharp, Ms. Monique Lampke, Mr. Matt Klingler

Opposed: None

The Motion passed 7-0

- D) Ordinance 34-21 to appropriate \$2,700 from the Friends of Jeffrey Preschool Fund to pay preschool related expenses in 2021. (Introduced by Mr. Troy Markham on August 10, 2021)

Mr. Markham introduced this ordinance. Mr. Sharp asked a question regarding this ordinance and Ms. Feibel responded and will obtain the requested information from Mr. Price prior to the next Council meeting.

14) Tabled Ordinances:

A) Ordinance 24-21, to award the Bexley Electricity Aggregation Program contract to AEP Energy, based upon the terms and conditions provided for in their RFP, as modified by the Board of Control, introduced by Mr. Sharp. (Introduced on May 25, 2021)

Mr. Kessler provided an update on this ordinance and reported that AEP will report on this matter with more detail at the next Council meeting.

No action was taken on this ordinance.

B) Resolution 05-21: A Resolution approving the 2021 Bicycle Friendly Bexley Plan (introduced by Richard Sharp on May 11, 2021)

Mr. Sharp moved to remove this Resolution from the table.

Ms. Saad seconded.

All in Favor: Ms. Jennifer Robinson, Ms. Jessica Saad, Mr. Troy Markham, Ms. Lori Ann Feibel, Mr. Richard Sharp, Ms. Monique Lampke, Mr. Matt Klingler

Opposed: None

The Motion passed 7-0

Mr. Sharp spoke to Council regarding the updated Bicycle Friendly Plan attached to this ordinance, which had been sent to Council earlier in the day. Mr. Kessler briefly summarized the amendments to the plan and Council members briefly discussed.

Mr. Sharp moved to adopt Resolution #05-21 as amended in the 8/10/2021 version of the Bicycle Friendly Plan.

Ms. Feibel seconded.

All in Favor: Ms. Jennifer Robinson, Ms. Jessica Saad, Mr. Troy Markham, Ms. Lori Ann Feibel, Mr. Richard Sharp, Ms. Monique Lampke, Mr. Matt Klingler

Opposed: None

The Motion passed 7-0

i) [Link to proposed Bike Boulevard map](#)

C) Ordinance 12-21, to adopt and approve the City of Bexley Electric Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance, and to declare an emergency, introduced by Mr. Sharp (introduced on March 9, 2021).

No discussion or action taken.

15) Judiciary and Strategic Committee - Monique Lampke, Chair

Ms. Lampke provided an update on the progress of the Green Meadows school on North Cassady. Ms. Lampke also encouraged Council members to encourage residents to participate in the Strategic Priority survey that is on the City website and has been sent through the Bexley Blast. Mr. Sharp asked a question regarding the earlier public comment and Ms. Lampke

answered and will work with Mr. Fishel on this matter.

16) Service and Environmental Committee - Richard Sharp, Chair

Mr. Sharp has nothing to report.

17) Finance Committee - Troy Markham, Chair

Mr. Markham has nothing to report at this time.

18) Safety and Health Committee - Jen Robinson, Chair

Ms. Robinson reminded Council Members of the Fill a Cruiser supply drive on Monday, August 16th from 10am to 1pm at Montrose Elementary. She also reminded everyone about the BMPA picnic August 15 5-7pm at Jeffrey Park shelterhouse, and encouraged residents to attend to learn more about BMPA and their plans for the school year.

19) Zoning and Development Committee - Jessica Saad, Chair

Ms. Saad acknowledged Team Bexley and congratulated them on raising more than \$200,000 for Pelotonia this year.

20) Recreation and Parks Committee - Matt Klingler, Chair

Mr. Klingler reminded Council members that the Bexley Parks and Recreation Department has published their fall programming guide and encouraged everyone to check out their offerings and sign up.

Mr. Klingler also asked for Mr. Kessler to update the packet online to ensure all attachments and ordinances are the most current ones for this meeting.

21) Public Comments (No Speaker Slip Required)

None.

22) Adjourn

Ms. Feibel moved to Adjourn.

Mr. Sharp seconded.

All in Favor: Ms. Jennifer Robinson, Ms. Jessica Saad, Mr. Troy Markham, Ms. Lori Ann Feibel, Mr. Richard Sharp, Ms. Monique Lampke, Mr. Matt Klingler

Opposed: None

The Motion passed 7-0

Council President Feibel adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm.

23) Executive Session

Ms. Feibel moved to enter Executive Session to discuss imminent or pending litigation.

Mr. Sharp seconded.

All in Favor: Ms. Jennifer Robinson, Ms. Jessica Saad, Mr. Troy Markham, Ms. Lori Ann Feibel, Mr. Richard Sharp, Ms. Monique Lampke, Mr. Matt Klingler

Opposed: None

The Motion passed 7-0

City Council entered Executive Session at 8:26 pm.

Ms. Feibel moved to exit Executive Session at 9:09 pm.

Mr. Markham seconded.

All in Favor: Ms. Jennifer Robinson, Ms. Jessica Saad, Mr. Troy Markham, Ms. Lori Ann Feibel, Mr. Richard Sharp, Ms. Monique Lampke, Mr. Matt Klingler

Opposed: None

The Motion passed 7-0